IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY, MISSOURI

HEALTH MIDWEST, a Missouri nonprofit public)
benefit corporation,	
Plaintiff,	
vs.) Case No
JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON, in his official capacity as the Attorney General for the State of Missouri,) Court No)
Defendant.))

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED HEARING AND TO SHORTEN TIME FOR DEFENDANT TO ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND

Pursuant to Mo. R. Civ. P. 55.30(a) and Rule 33.5 of the Rules of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, plaintiff Health Midwest respectfully requests an Order of this Court: (1) granting an expedited hearing on plaintiff's Petition for Declaratory Judgment; and (2) reducing the Attorney General's time to answer or otherwise respond from thirty days to seven days. In support of its motion, plaintiff states as follows:

- 1. On November 22, 2002, Health Midwest entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with a subsidiary of HCA, Inc. for the sale of Health Midwest assets for the sale priced of \$1,125,000,000.
- 2. The Attorney General's attempted exercise of control over the disposition of proceeds from the sale threatens to cause irreparable injury to plaintiff by

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denying it the benefit of the bargain under the Agreement. Indeed, the Agreement may be terminated if closing is delayed.

- 3. The impact for delay associated with the Agreement renders time of the essence, and accordingly, plaintiff respectfully requests an expedited hearing on the Petition for Declaratory Judgment as well as a reduction in the Attorney General's time to answer or otherwise respond.
- 4. Plaintiff requests this relief in good faith and in the interest of justice, and, if granted, the requested relief will not unfairly prejudice the Attorney General.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff Health Midwest respectfully request an Order of this Court: (1) granting an expedited hearing on Plaintiff's Petition for Declaratory Judgment; and (2) reducing the Attorney General's time to answer or otherwise respond from thirty days to seven days. Plaintiff is submitting a proposed Order with this Motion for the convenience of the Court. Plaintiff is also submitting herewith its Proposed Expedited Scheduling Order pursuant to Rule 33.5 of the Rules of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

Respectfully Submitted,

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